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### DOE MARSHALL ISLANDS PROGRAM, FY 89 AND BEYOND

This is to summarize the DOE portion of the discussions held onboard the M.V. Liktanur II at Bikini on April 6.

DOE has published an updated dose assessment for Enjebi Island as requested in P.L. 99-239 and the field work and analysis required for the July 1988 BARC recommendations for Bikini Island are virtually completed. Therefore, we are not planning to fund a field effort for LLNL in the Marshalls beyond FY 88. Per our previous advise to you, we recommend a scaled down field and analysis effort at Bikini and Enewetak for the next few years at least, to more fully understand the duration and effectiveness of the remedial action we have proposed. Since we do plan to fund the continuation of the LLNL data bank in FY 89 and a very basic capability to carry out a field program, we are able and willing to provide technical assistance to RMI on a reimbursable basis, provided such a request is timely enough so laboratory space and personnel at LLNL are not lost to other programs. While we have not yet determined the precise amount of funding by DOE in FY 89 to maintain that capability, we estimate that the required additional funds to carry out a field effort will be between \$500K and \$1 million.

Our planning is similar for radiological monitoring (whole body counting/Pu analysis). As you were advised, a program of this nature will cost about \$1,000K per year. Our current plan is to keep a basic capability in FY 89 to allow an effective and timely response to a request for technical assistance from RMI or DOI to monitor people returning to Bikini, Rongelap, or Enjebi.

As stated by Mr. Aquilina, DOE has the capability to provide this service but we require early notification of a technical requirement with attendant funding of approximately \$2 million through an interagency request or other appropriate means.

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I will restate the desirability to begin this process quickly, if it is to begin, so people, facilities, and other assets are readily available.



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